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From the President

Jim Best

Where-Oh-Where did the year 2003 go? It seemed just yesterday that I was getting the hang of writing 2003 and now I have to start thinking about 2004.

I hope that each of you had a pleasant holiday season and enjoy good health and fortune during the upcoming year.

I have appointed Walter Thomas of Caledonia, WI to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy that was created by my being elected President. I have known Walter for many years and I am confidnet he will do a good job. Welcome aboard Walter.

At the Florida United Numismatist coin show in early January Vice-President Dick DeVries and I sat down and discussed the course we think is for the betterment of the club in the next months. We discussed some of the following ideas. (1) Selection of a meeting place for the 2004 annual meeting. Two places were discussed; the Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, Jul 8-11 and the Blue Ridge Nunismatic Association (BRNA) Convention in Dalton GA, Aug 15-17. The Baltimore area is a great venue and has drawn large attendance in the past and at our 1990 clubs annual meeting The BRNA show is a well established show and the venue is great. The local area has many places of interest for those that wish to vacation a few days before or after the show. (2) The matter of getting better attendance at our annual meeings, there is only a few that attend each year, we both feel that this is due to the distance most have to travel to the meeting, or the time of the year. Let me know if you have any thoughts. (3) Getting the property that belongs to the club inventoried and accounted for

I am sending a letter to all of the trustess to get their input on other matters concerning the club and will address them in my future President's messages

Please make plans to attend the annual meeting in 2004, as your attendance is welcome and input at the annual meeting is always welcome as well, as is any letters you wish to send me addressing club matters.

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Up, Up and Away

By Stephanie O'Neil, Club Historian

Up, up and away, my beautiful, my beautiful balloon! Nope. Up, up and away, my beautiful, my beautiful one-ounce of silver! Yes, that's right. If you haven't already heard, silver is on the way up. For you youngsters, 'Up, Up and Away' is the title to a song, in case you didn't know.

Many of us know in our hearts the value of silver at some point in time would escalate. Is that day upon us? Just today, I read silver closed at $6.25, and by the time you read this article, the price of silver may be even higher!

Many of us wonder why the price of silver is on the rise. Sure wish I could answer that questions, but like you, I can only make assumptions regarding the 'whys' to the rise in silver. Could it be the government has exhausted its reserve of the great white metal? That's a strong possibility. Could it also be a result of the economy's decline? Or is it possibly a result of stocks and bonds spiraling downward since 9-11, or as a result of 9-11? People have turned to precious metals as an investment. Could it be silver is becoming scarce as a result of demand? That, too, is a strong possibility as the supply, or should I say the numbers of mines in existence are no longer active and the supply of silver is slowly depleting.

For whatever reason, the price of silver IS on the rise and silver investors are happy to finally see an assumption become reality.

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report 2/04

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful holiday cards and letters included with your renewal checks ~ or even sent separately! It's the most fun to open the mailbox and find so many greetings waiting to be opened We have a big '*Mailbag*' section this time, and you can see what fellow members have to say.

Many of you, however, still have not sent in a check to keep *The Silver Bugle* coming for another year (including two of our officers!) so please get something in the mail soon. If your address label doesn't say 1/2005 or beyond, it's time to renew. There's a red heart on your address label if you haven't paid and this will be the last reminder.

Take advantage of your free classified ad. It's the best way to make connections with others club members ~ and the *Bugle* gets passed out at different shows around the country, too. So, utilize this benefit of membership!

The IASAC Store did very well with its introduction in the last *Bugle*. If you're missing any bars or rounds in your collection, I'd suggest you take advantage of this sale, while supplies are still available.

I'd like to welcome Walter Thomas to the board of trustees. An excellent choice, I'm sure he'll do a good job.

I'm looking forward to a trip to LA, where I'll see Linda Spellman and present her with the Duane Spellman Award for Distinguished Service. Pictures to follow in the next issue!

It's time to wish everyone a Happy New Year, Chinese-style. The Year of the Monkey is here, and monkey people are clever and have a lot of common sense, which helps them solve difficult problems. You're a monkey if you were born in 1920-1932-1944-1956-1968-1980-1992 or 2004. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

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Treasury Update

Previous Balance	**$2447.59***
Income	
New memberships/renewals	$1085.00
Bar/round sales	519.50
Advertisements	95.00
Cash donations	138.00
	$1837.50
Expenses	
Postage	$ 54.18
Printing, December *Bugle*	186.76
Other printing	76.13
License, City of Denver	5.00
Denver meeting expenses	47.25
Miscellaneous/office supplies	118.66
	$ 487.98
New Balance	**$3797.11**

*There was an error in addition in the last Treasury Update. Previous Balance was $2447.59, not 2397.59

Many thanks to our generous contributors since the last printing of ***The Silver Bugle***. Cash: **Ron Ulrich, Archie Kidd, Sean Manley, Dino Dini, Doug Jennings, Len Kruithof, Vernon Baker, Ralph Downey, Michael Huey, Hawaii State Numismatic Association, John Olival & Carl Roggero. Stamps: Walter & Eda Thomas** and **John Gillgren**. Silver: **Ron Ulrich & John Wilson** Reciprocal club dues: **Jim Best**. Padded mailing envelopes: **Steve Kaden**.

We are mailing **195 copies** of this issue. Membership in IASAC is $20 ($30 foreign) with renewal at $15 ($20 foreign) payable in January every year. Please send renewals with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118. Include your FREE 25-word classified ad. The next deadline for advertisements is March 10, 2004.

Welcome to new members:

554	Al Pritchyk (Sprouse)	Jermyn PA
555	Robert Gieselman (Coin World)	Valley NE
556	Greg Standley (Coin World)	Palestine TX

Peeves-Counterpoint-Apology

By Doug Jennings

I'd like to extend an apology to Cecil and all IASAC members for my "Pet Peeve" essay. I thought it was obvious from my writing style that the column was meant to be taken as an Andy Rooney-esque piece of humor. I guess t wasn't.

I'm disappointed that Starcher would think or imply that I would shun or disregard genuine inquiries about anything numismatic-related. I must not have made it absolutely clear that the two questions were meant to be taken in conjunction with one another. "What's it worth?" was always given a thoughtful, careful and usually explicit answer. But, often, it was followed with a disbelieving, "What's it REALLY worth?" from some non-collector. Once again, a kind, patient, considerate response was given with perhaps even more elaboration, if possible, on my part. These answers were sometimes accepted, or sometimes not even listened to in their entireties. Sometimes the person walked away before I'd even had a chance to finish the answer. I didn't preface my essay with the background information of how the Monroe Coin Club had just spent a week at the local county fair answering innumerable questions from collectors and non-collectors alike about our numismatic displays and various other numismatic topics. Some of my favorite questions were, "I've got a coin almost, something, similar to that coin at grandma's, in a jar in the garage at home. What's it worth?" "I don't know the date or the denomination of the coin, but what's it worth?" "Are foreign coins worth anything?" "What would you collect silver bars/rounds?" "I've got a coin with no date or for that matter any other discernible physical features on it. How much would you pay for it?" Now, granted all the questions weren't like this. What our club members and I would try to do if we couldn't answer the question with the information supplied was encourage the person to ring the piece back and let us examine it with our own eyes. If the person couldn't make it back to the fair or one of our club meetings, we'd try to locate a dealer or coin club in his/her vicinity that could view the coin, and then answer the question. We tried to disseminate information the entire week we were at the fair. I also passed out as many past issues of The Silver Bugle as I could to interested people, just like I have done at other local and regional shows along with displaying the IASAC exhibit boards that Garrett Burke created and pieces from my own silver bar/round collection, trying to generate questions so I could kindly educate the unknowing public.

The centennial of the 1904 World's Fair/ Louisiana Purchase Exposition is celebrated with this sterling silver round from the 1904 World's Fair Society. According to the society, the medal has "a proof like cameo appearance, having frosted devices and legends offset with deep-mirrored fields."

Just in time for the New Year, this round features Good Luck symbols from around the world. It is .999 proof silver.

For more information on any of the rounds/bar featured, please write to the club at P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

Late Breaking News!

Please welcome back:

311 Charles Rego — Philadelphia PA
Spike711@aol.com

New Member:

557 Ralph V. Strano (Sprouse) — Columbus MI
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IASAC *online*

http://www.starfam.us/iasac

The *IASAC* website has celebrated its first birthday, and what a year it has been. The site has gone thru several face-lifts and enhancements making it one of the easiest sites to navigate on the Web. Numerous features are available which invite visitors to participate. Although some features are for the exclusive use of *IASAC* members, several are available to non-member visitors as well. An application for membership is on site (two new members have joined our ranks this past year using this feature).

Point of History: *IASAC* Historian *Stephanie O'Neil* has archived her past work published in ***The Silver Bugle*** along with articles written by her exclusively for the website. Stephanie is also Moderator of the 'chat room', which will be explained in more detail below. Also found on the site are archived articles which have appeared in ***The Silver Bugle*** over the years.

Reggie Barnett #363 authors a new column appropriately called "**Reggie's Funny Bone**" where he shares his favorite stories. Texans have been known to spin a good yarn from time-to-time and Reggie is no exception.

GUEST BOOK: This feature is available too all visitors: who are requested to register their visit to the site. A space is available for comments concerning the site and for posting general information.

MESSAGE BOARD: This feature is also available to all visitors. It can be used to leave messages to other visitors/members, ask questions, make announcements, or answering inquiries of previous postings.

CHAT ROOM: Another feature available to all visitors. The 'chat room' can be the most effective tool on the site. Visitors can actually chat with each other in written form in real-time. The 'room' can be used at anytime by anyone wishing to talk about silver art collecting. As reported above, *Stephanie O'Neil* is the Moderator and will hold a 'general chat' every Tuesday evening between the hours of 7-9pm est. (There are some very specific rules governing the use of the 'room' and anyone abusing them will

In closing, I'd like to thank Starcher for opening my eyes to the fact that I overstayed my welcome as a contributing columnist to The Silver Bugle. What I thought was witty and light-hearted, obviously didn't cut it. In my position as president, I tried to cover a variety of topics. I know I strayed from always writing about silver bar/rounds, but I didn't want to trespass on some area that Stephanie might choose to write about more in depth. Also, thank you, Cecil, for your shot at enamels as abused jewels. I'm sorry to learn you soak them in paint remover to relieve them of that horrible enamel. That practice "robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed" because a piece I or someone else would have collected as an enamel, has been destroyed.

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IASAC Store

IASAC-13	1997 Seattle Postcard	1 serial-numbered	$37 50
IASAC-14	1998 Pittsburgh Convention	12 serial-numbered	$32 each
		1 bronze	$7 50
IASAC-15	1999 Omaha Convention	2 serial-numbered	$35
		1 bronze	$7.50
IASAC-16	2000 Sacramento or Bust	14 serial-numbered	$27
		5 gold-plated	$57
		2 bronze	$7 50
IASAC-18	2002 Cincinnati River Boat	9 serial-numbered	$27
		6 bronze	$6.50

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Renewals are now PAST DUE. If your address label says 1/2004, this means you! Please send your check for $15 to keep the Bugle coming for another year. Thanks!

IASAC P.O. Box 28415 Seattle WA 98118

New Issues

This 2004 calendar medal is offered by the Hoffman Mint. The limited edition medal portrays 'Oceana' mythical goddess of time, on the obverse. The reverse features a 2004 calendar surrounded by the ocean, waves of time, and two conch shells that symbolize the turning of the universe. The 3" diameter medal is available in antique finish in either bronze or silver.

This 5-oz. silver bar is the only one of it's kind being manufactured and marketed today. It was created to commemorate the long and eventful silver mining history of Nevada. The bars are proof quality and include a year stamp authenticating the limited edition. The top surface of the bar shows a miner in one of the "square-set' stopes of the Comstock Lode silver mines at Virginia City in the mid-1860's.

Did you get your 50th anniversary commemorative copy of *Playboy* in January? Here's a 15-piece Playmate coin set to go along with it.

lose their 'room' privileges. Please review before entering). This feature is very easy to use and is a great fun way of meeting other ***IASAC*** members Any member who would like to start a specific chat for a scheduled time can do so Just post an announcement on the 'Message Board' and go online

LOOKING FOR Members only – Any member can post a 'want-list' for silver bars or medallions sought for their collection, no fees See applicable rules.

TRADING POST: Members only – Any member can post a 'traders-list' of silver bars or medallions that they will trade for new pieces for their collection, no fees. See applicable rules.

CLASSIFIEDS: Members only – Any member can post a 'for sale' ad for silver bars or medallions that they wish to sell, there is a small fee associated with this feature. See applicable rules. (The example ad posted is elaborate and should not be construed as how it has to be done. A text style ad is also acceptable.)

There are other goodies to be found on the ***IASAC*** site and more will be added as found useful. All members are invited to write articles for the site on any subject as it relates to the collecting of silver art. There is a section for short member bios also. Tell us about yourself and how you got started collecting.

Our ***IASAC*** website will only be as good as the quality of member participation. The site is furnished and maintained at no cost to ***IASAC*** for the sole purpose of increasing exposure of our club to the general collecting community and as an expanded communication tool for our membership. Visit the site often and 'tell-a-friend' about it. By doing so, we can surely grow our club while involving our members in a way never before possible.

Address questions, comments or whatever using the link found on the WebMaster page or by e-mailing iasac@starfam.us

Cecil Starcher #378

Mints of Yesteryear and Still Going Strong

By Stephanie O'Neil, Club Historian

What better way to start the New Year than by reading about mints of yesteryear that are still going strong, thanks to those die-heart minters! Hope you enjoy, and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

Guess who is listed as an online-dealer? The **Patrick Mint**. Yes, Patrick Mint, one of 156 minters listed in the 5th edition *An Indexed Guide Book of Silver Art Bars*, published in 1991. It was by sheer luck that I stumbled onto Patrick Mint's listing, and as a result, wondered how many other mints of yesterday are still in existence today? Voila! Another article in the making, and by the time you read this, an article already researched, written and in print.

Patrick Mint goes back to the beginning of art bar times, as they were one of 73 minters listed in the 1st edition of the guidebook (1975), having produced 12 silver art bars. By the time the 5th edition was printed, Patrick Mint had produced a total of 32 bars, all of which were issued in 1973. Addresses of mints were listed by the time the second guidebook was out. Back then, the address listed for Patrick Mint was Mill Valley, California. Today, home for Patrick Mint is in Santa Rosa, California. They are listed as 'The Patrick Mint, Coiners & Numismatists since 1957.' Could this be the same mint? My guess is yes. Unfortunately, Patrick Mint no longer produces silver art bars. Instead, they are selling tokens, many overruns minted nearly 25 years ago, along with a host of various coins for sale. They also offered for sale a Y2K pure silver medal (only 2,000 made).

I discovered a listing for **Joel D. Rettew**, a minter who was listed in the 3rd edition guidebook who is still in business today. Hooray for Joel! In 1973 his company made the 82nd ANA convention bars and several Christmas bars. These days he is listed as 'Joel D. Rettew, Coins for the Collector ~ for 50 Years ~ a Trusted Name in Numismatics and serving the collector since 1953.'

Sunshine Minting is still popping out those one-ounce silver bars as bullion. They also produce 10-ounce and 100-ounce silver bars in today's market! Sunshine Minting is no longer associated with Sunshine Mining, having separated in 1994. It was not until the 5th edition guidebook of 1991 that Sunshine Mining bars were listed. Of the 22 bars listed, only one is dated (1985). Four of the 22 were the enameled

wildflower series. Presently, the company is a major silver bullion supplier, producing silver for the U.S. Mint's Silver Eagle program.

Washington Mint produced 63 silver art bars, according to the 1st edition, which lists their address in Beachwood, Ohio. Washington Mint went on to produce a total of 141 bars, many of which were gold-plated Washington Mint LLC is listed online. Could this be Washington Mint from back in 1973? Washington Mint LLC currently produces the 2003 quarter-pound $100 silver Franklin proof bars and historic giant half-pound silver eagle rounds in pure silver.

A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc., located in Santa Monica, California has been in business since 1965 and has grown into a full service precious metals trading company, offering precious metals in the form of coins, bars, wafers and grains. The 5th edition list A-MK-1 (A-Mark, a one-ounce silver bar, undated but made in 1981) under *Commercial and Miscellaneous* bars.

We all know about **Silver Towne** as they go back to the beginning of art bar creation, revealing seven silver art bars in the 1st edition in 1975. By the time the 5th edition was printed, Silver Towne minted a whopping 171 bars! Silver Towne is still in existence today, producing silver art beauties. * Hat's off to Silver Towne!

How many more small-time or large commercial operations are still in existence today, either online or not, is unknown

*Silver Towne has produced the IASAC bars & rounds since 1995

Did You Know?

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In 1980, A-Mark traded millions of ounces of silver.

In 1981, A-Mark first minted its proprietary one-ounce silver bar. By 1983, A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.'s fiscal year sales exceeded $1 billion dollars!

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From the Editor's Mailbag

We receive comments, questions and Friendly greetings from members and others. Here is a sampling of these letters.

Jerry Mengelkoch sends New Year's greetings with the note, "Nothing much going on in Arizona. Temps are cold for here…should last another week and then hopefully start warming up."

Larry Armstrong has sent his renewal for two years because "I always forget to send this in every year." *Thanks, Larry!*

Thomas Clark writes, "Thanks for sending out Garrett Burke's new brochure on the club's silver bars and rounds. I have the complete set of our club bars and rounds in silver issue. I am missing a couple of bronze bars." *Check out the club store for what you might be missing. Tom!*

Another favorable comment comes from **Don Eubanks**. He writes, "I received the list of mintages for all the past club bars and rounds. Nicely done and a great reference source. Many thanks."

Danny Barber writes, "I cannot believe that some members of the club do not order their bars every year. I would think that part of being a member of the IASAC is to at least order a bar with your club number. I have been a member since 1988 or 1989 and have purchased 2 bars/rounds or more every year. If you failed to order your numbered club bar and I have it, I am sorry. None are for sale, unless your offer is enough to pay off my mortgage!!! I wanted to go to the annual convention in Denver, but I had the opportunity to re-roof my house."

Bill Bremmer sent his 2004 dues with the note, "Many thanks to you and **Steve Kaden** who was kind enough to sell me a 2003 IASAC bar." *We hooked Bill & Steve up when the club no longer had bars to sell.*

Mike Preston writes, Thanks for the pin. Has it been 10 years?" *Times flies, huh? All members achieving the ten year membership mark and given an enameled pin at the time of the annual club meeting.*

From the Editor's Mailbag.....

Bob Gieselman sends this brief history of himself. He writes, "I'm a male (married), long retired, 85 years old, an avid coin collector with a collection that should be cashed in. My wife of 45 years don't share my hobbies. When I was working, I was the enrollment director of a private airline school. I live in Valley, a small town about 20 miles west of Omaha. It's a bedroom community for Omaha."

Thanks to **Reggie Barnett** for sending these pictures of oddities in silver/mis-use of dies. These images are of a 1-oz. Texas gold coin minted in silver. Reggie writes, "It is obviously a counterfeit and probably illegal."

These images are of a 1-oz. Texas round with a mirror image on the reverse. Everything that is raised on the obverse is recessed or incused on the reverse. Reggie purchased both of these rounds, which are .999 fine silver, on Ebay.

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CEM 20EN	St Valentine's Day 1974 (Enam)	$14 95
COL 11	Nixon-Mao	$9 95
CCM 8	Happy Valentine's Day	$9 95
CCM 56	Happy Valentine's Day	$9 95
USSC 85	Armed Forces	$11.95
USSC 86	Inflation	$11 95
MOTA 6	Jack Benny	$24 95
GLM 14	High Wheeler	$8 95
GLM 23	Athena	$8 75
GCM 4AS	Elvis - Antique Silver - Ser #6	$45.00
HAM 12	Golden Gate Bridge	$8 75
HAM 13	Mount Rushmore	$8.75
HAM 93	Valentine's Day 1975	$9 95
HAM 235G	Harry Truman	$8 95
HAM 237G	John F Kennedy	$8 95
HAM 238G	Lyndon B Johnson	$8 95
HAM 239	James Madison	$8.50
HAM 243	William H Harrison	$8 50
HAM 247	Millard Fillmore	$8 50
HAM 250G	Andrew Johnson	$8.95
HAM 251	Ulysses S Grant	$8.50
HAM 253	James A Garfield	$8.50
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HAM 140	Breaking Home Ties	$9.95
HAM 141	Triple Self Portrait	$9 95
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HAM 486	The Great Plains	$9 75
HAM 488	Cape Cod	$9 75
HAM 505	The Great Divide	$9 75
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HAM 527	Glacier Bay	$8 75
HAM 543	Iowa	$8 75
HAM 549	Massachusetts	$8 75
HAM 582	Amelia Earhart	$8 75
HAM 585	Gen Doulas Mac Arthur	$8.75
HAM 594	Robert E Lee	$8 75
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HAM 603	William Halsey	$8 75
HAM 608	Ulysses S Grant	$8 75
JM 15	Great Dane	$9 25
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MAD 44	Bank of the United States	$8 75
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From the Editor's Mailbag.....

F. Lee Foley writes, "Thank you for the nice pin you sent me. I will wear it with pride."

John Gillgren says, "My mail brought the 10 year pin I wish I could have gotten it in person so I could haven shaken everyone's hand. It is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since I joined at the Milwaukee show. Thank you everyone."

Reggie Stanford writes, "I would like to thank you and other other Officers, and Trustees for the ten year IASAC pin. It's very nice, and it was a surprise. I have really enjoyed this hobby; from the time silver bars were around three dollars, until now, and hopefully on into the future. Today I also received this year's club bars. That enameled bar is a real knockout It's beautiful."

IASAC will again be listed in the leaflet, *Publications for the Collector*, published by **Ralph & Terry Kovel** of Shakers Heights, Ohio. Their data base lists over 1000 newspapers, magazines, newsletters and clubs of interest to collectors, with information updated annually.

Stephanie O'Neil included this note with her renewal. "Hats off and congrats to Nancy Yee for receiving and being the first recipient of the Duane Spellman Award for Distinguished Service. I can think of no one more deserving than Nancy I also want to personally thank Nancy for the incredible job she has done for our great club. Thanks, Nancy!"
Not meaning to toot my own horn, but there was a lot of related mail on this topic

Ron Ulrich has sent an extra copy of the January 5, 2004 *Coin World* article headlined '*Nancy Yee first recipient of IASAC's Duane Spellman Award for service* '
Thanks, Ron. Thanks also to ***Coin World*** *for frequently mentioning IASAC in the news*

From **Jean & Chuck Luce,** "Congratulations on the Spellman Award."

Eugene Daley writes, "Congratulations on your award You do a number one job for us."

Robert Lovelace writes, "Congratulations on your award. It's been a long time coming – and you very much deserve it!"

Dino Dini writes, "Thank you for everything. Keep up the good work!"

From the Editor's Mailbag.....

Similarly, **Ralph Downey** says, "I sure enjoy *The Silver Bugle*. Keep up the wonderful work."

And from **Vernon Baker**, "I enjoy each issue of *The Silver Bugle*."

Alice Kretovics writes, "My mother celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 1st. We had a big party, which she enjoyed."
Shortly afterward she suffered a stroke and is now convalescing. Here's wishing her a quick recovery and good health!

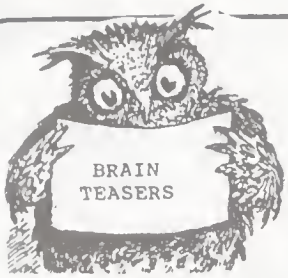
Helen Tichy writes from the hospital in Connecticut, where she has recently moved. She fell and is in a wheelchair and must use a walker for therapy. She asks everyone, "I need your prayers to walk again."
We're thinking of you, Helen

Larry Cannon has called to say he's distributed copies of *The Silver Bugle* at a local coin show in Marietta, Georgia.
If you'd like copies for your coin show, please let me know at least two weeks in advance, and I'll send whatever supplies are on-hand

An article by **Michael Turrini** was featured on the front-page of a recent issue of *Numismatic News*. His story chronicled the visit of Clifford Mishler, retired Krause Publication's chairman at the Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, as well as visits to several other coin clubs in the area.

The 32nd Vallejo (California) Coin and Collectibles Show will be held Sunday, May 2nd at the Vallejo Community Center. IASAC member **Mike '*Steamer*' Stanley** is in charge of the sold-out bourse.

In other California club news, **Chuck Luce** designed this medal for the Heartland Coin Club, featuring thunderboat races at Mission Bay in San Diego. For more information, write to Joyce Darnell, 1728 San Vicente Rd., Ramona CA 92065.



Winners will be selected from Correct answers postmarked On or Before March 5, 2004

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Congratulations to **Sue Hendricks, Jan Henke** and **Chuck Luce** who were the winners in the last contest. Thanks to everyone else who sent an entry, and those who pointed out that there should have been a comma between make & believe. They include: **Len Kruithof, Patti Finner, Bud Ruzitsky, Mike Stanley, Larry Pung, Lynnae Clark, Jerry Hall, Joseph Krystyniak, John Gillgren & Marion Kendrick**.

The theme for this puzzle came about after a recent game of *Scrabble*. Good luck in finding these unusual words.

Kuoyu, compo, zoa, arum, exuviate, sajou, xyst, dui, yttria, poh, kali, mestiza, zlotys, tabor, enteric, ecad, raj, ejido, mho, ut, foh, bagasse, gyri, finny, zax, gerenuk, zaffir, tinamou, jabot, syzygy, umbo, vilayet, dyadic, indoxyl, ochone, ileitis, peag, giaour, beylik, ayin, nurl, hripoop, rabato, zanana, xylem, jerrid. Which two words do you find twice?

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Just Humor Me

The 2004 Darwin Awards were recently bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us Here then, are the glorious winners for 2003

The Darwin Award winner·

1. When his 38-calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a holdup in Long Beach, California, would be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again This time it worked

And now, the honorable mentions

2 The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself He tried the machine and lost a finger The chef's claim was approved.

3 A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her

4 After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit

6 A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a $20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the $20 bill on the counter The total amount of cash he got from the drawer $15 (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?)

7 A thief burst into a Florida bank one day wearing a ski mask and carrying a gun Aiming his gun at the guard, the thief yelled, "FREEZE, MOTHER-STICKERS, THIS IS A ****-UP!" For a moment, everyone was silent Then the sniggers started. The security guard completely lost is and doubled over laughing It probably saved his life, because he'd been about to draw his gun He couldn't have drawn and fired before the thief got him The thief ran away and is still at large In memory of the event, the banker later put a plaque on the wall engraved with the words, "Freeze, mother-stickers, this is a ****-up!"

8 Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly He decided that he'd just throw a cinderblock through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run So he lifted the cinderblock and heaved it over his head at the window The cinderblock bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas The whole event was caught on videotape

9 As a female shopped exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 9-1-1 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the man They put him in the car and drove back to the store The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID To which he replied,"Yes, officer, that's her That's the lady I stole the purse from."

10 The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 a m , flashed a gun, and demanded cash The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast The man, frustrated, walked away A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER!

11 When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges

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Silver Art Bar Guide, 5th Edition (1991) $29.95; Supplement (1993) $14.95; $3.50 postage. Bars/Rounds catalog $2. Huge website: www.koinpro.com. Ken Potter, Box 760232, Lathrup Village MI 48076. 313-255-8907.

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